The Sir James Wallace Master of Creative Writing Prize was established in 2012 by the James Wallace Arts Trust.

The main purpose of the Prize is to recognise the student in the Master of Creative Writing degree at the University of Auckland who has completed the highest-quality manuscript during the award year. The award aims to facilitate the publication of that manuscript.

**Selection process**

- Nomination is made to the Scholarships Office
- The Prize is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Prize will be known as the Sir James Wallace Master of Creative Writing Prize.
2. The value of the Prize will be $5,000.
3. The Prize will be awarded annually to the full-time student enrolled in the Master of Creative Writing degree who completed, in the year of the award, the manuscript that was judged by the selection committee to be of the highest quality for publication and the most likely to succeed commercially.
4. The Prize will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee), the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities (or nominee) and the Convenor of the Master of Creative Writing programme.
5. In the event of a tie, the Deputy Head (Academic) of the School of Humanities shall determine if the Prize may be shared.
6. The University of Auckland is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
7. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Prize.